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## COMPARATIVE BRIDGE COSTS

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The following tabular data gives some **general guidelines** for structure type selection and its relative cost. These costs should be used just for **preliminary estimates** until more detailed information is developed.

These costs reflect the **'bridge costs'** only and **do not** include items such as: bridge removal, approach slabs, slope paving, soundwalls or retaining walls.

The following factors **must** be taken into account when determining a price within the cost range:

### Factors for Lower End of Price Range

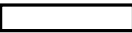



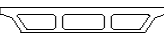
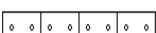


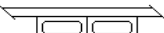

Short Spans, Low Structure Height, No Environmental Constraints, Large Projects, No Aesthetic Issues, Dry Conditions, No Bridge Skew
Urban Location
Seat Abutment
Spread Footing
No Stage Construction

### Factors for Higher End of Price Range

Long Spans, High Structure Height, Environmental Constraints, Small Project, Aesthetic Issues, Wet Conditions (cofferdams required), Skewed Bridges
Remote Location
Cantilever Abutment
Pile Footing
2 Stage Construction

### Factors That Will Increase the Price Over the High End of the Price Range

Structures With More Than 2 Construction Stages
Unique Substructure Construction
Widenings Less Than 15 ft.

STRUCTURAL SECTION	(STR. DEPTH/MAX SPAN)		COMMON SPAN RANGE (feet)	COST RANGE (\$ / FT <sup>2</sup> )	REMARKS
	SIMPLE	CONTINUOUS			
RC SLAB 	0.06	0.045	16-44	85-120	THESE ARE THE MOST COMMON TYPES AND ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 80% OF BRIDGES ON CALIFORNIA STATE HIGHWAYS.
RC T-BEAM 	0.07	0.065	40-60	90-180	
RC BOX 	0.06	0.055	50-120	100-170	
CIP/PS SLAB 	0.03	0.03	40-65	95-130	
CIP/PS BOX 	0.045	0.04	100-150	80-150	
PC/PS SLAB 	0.03 (+3" AC)	0.03 (+3" AC)	20-50	120-180	NO FALSEWORK REQUIRED
PC/PS 	0.06 (+3" AC)	0.055 (+3" AC)	30-120	100-170	
BULB T GIRDER	0.05	0.045	90-145	100-195	
PC/PS I 	0.055	0.05	50-120	115-175	
PC/PS BOX 	0.06	0.045	120-200	140-250	
STRUCT STEEL I-GIRDER 	0.045	0.04	60-300	150-215	NO FALSEWORK REQUIRED

NOTE: Removal of a box girder structure costs from \$15 - \$20 per square foot.

**COSTS INCLUDE 10% MOBILIZATION AND 25% CONTINGENCY**